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FOR JOHN CONDAYAN (A), EUR/EX, EUR/CE; USIA FOR IOA/SS

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REFS: A) BERLIN 5854; B) BERLIN 5299; C) BERLIN 5876
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1. ON MAY 12 THE DLA REQUESTED A MEETING WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL DETAILS REGARDING THE CHANCERY RENONVATION.

2. THE DLA FIRST ASKED FOR DELIVERY OF THE FINISH DESIGN PLANS FOR THE AUDITORIUM CEILING. THEY STATED THEY MUST HAVE THE USG PLANS IMMEDIATELY OR ELSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED WITH INSTALLATION OF THE CEILING AS REPORTED IN REFTEL (A). WE REPEATED OUR REQUEST THAT THE DLA STOP WORK IN THE AUDITORIUM UNTIL FINISH PLANS WERE PROVIDED BY THE USG AS PER REFTEL (B) PARA B1B. THE DLA REPEATED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO STOP WORK. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY CONCERNING STATUS OF FINISH DESIGN PLANS LISTED IN REFTEL (B).

3. THE DLA REQUESTED THE DESIRED LOCATIONS FOR SPEAKERS IN THE AUDITORIUM CEILING. THEY STATED THAT A DLA AUDIO EXPERT DETERMINED THERE SHOULD BE EIGHT SPEAKERS LOCATED IN THE CEILING AS OPPOSED TO THE FOUR SPEAKERS SPECIFIED IN THE USIA AUDITORIUM AND PROJECTION ROOM DRAWING DATED
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9 DECEMBER 1975. THE DLA AUDIO EXPERT ALSO

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FAVORED A BUILD-IN SPEAKER BEHIND THE PROJECTION SCREEN AS OPPOSED TO A SPEAKER "LOCATED BELOW SCREEN ON FRONT WALL". THEY GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHAT ADDITIONAL COSTS WOULD BE INVOLVED FOR THE DLA BUILT-IN SPEAKER. BECAUSE THE USIA DRAWING IS THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM, WE FOLLOWED ITS SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUESTED FOUR SPEAKERS TO BE MOUNTED IN THE AUDITORIUM CEILING IN A SYMMETRIC RECTANGULAR PATTERN. ASSUMING THAT "BELOW SCREENON FRONT WALL" MEANS EXTERNALLY MOUNTED, WE TOLD THE DLA THAT THE PROJECTION SPEAKER WOULD BE EXTERNALLY MOUNTED AND INSTALLED BY USG TECHNICIANS. REFTEL (C) REQUESTS THAT USIA PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL DETAILS ON SPEAKER INSTALLATIONS.

4. THE DLA REQUESTED THE TECHNICAL DETAILS NECESSARY FOR INSTALLATION OF THE US PROVIDED PROJECTION SCREEN FOR AUDITORIUM. AS THE SCREEN HAS ARRIVED AT POST, WE TOLD DLA THE EASIEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR US TO TURN THE SCREEN OVER TO DLA FOR THEM TO INSTALL; THEY AGREED. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, SCREEN WILL BE DELIVERED TO DLA NEXT WEEK.

5. WE REQUESTED THAT THE DLA INSTALL A DOORWAY LEADING FROM THE PROJECTION BOOTH (ROOM 116 ON FLOOR PLAN) INTO THE AUDITORIUM'S NORTHEAST EXIT STAIRWAY AS SHOWN ON THEIR FLOOR PLANS. THE DLA STATED IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO INSTALL THIS DOORWAY DUE TO A DIFFERENCE IN FLOOR ELEVATIONS BETWEEN ROOM 116 AND THE AUDITORIUM.

6. THE DLA AGAIN REPEATED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO PROVIDE THE OPTICAL GLASS REQUIRED FOR THE LARGER PORTS IN THE PROJECTION ROOM BECAUSE THE SPECIFIED SIZES ARE NOT A GDR STANDARD SIZE. WE STATED THAT THE GLASS AND FRAMES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE USG. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO HAVE THE FRAMES, INCLUDING GLASS, FABRICATED IN WEST BERLIN. UPON COMPLETION, THEY WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE DLA FOR INSTALLATION.

7. THE DLA REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF THE ADDITIONAL
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CONDULETS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION OF THE FOUR-INCH CONDUIT RUNS SPECIFIED BY THE USG. REFTEL (A) REQUESTED DELIVERY OF THESE ITEMS. WE INFORMED THAT DLA THAT THE CONDULETS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY EARLY IN JUNE AS PER REFTEL (E).

8. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN TELLING THE DLA THAT THE ROOM WHERE THEY

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PLAN TO INSTALL THE HOUSE AND COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY GENERATORS IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH UNITS. THE GENERATOR ROOM IS LISTED AS ROOM 133A ON THE FLOOR PLANS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN MARCH. ON APRIL 14 AN OFFICIAL LETTER WAS SENT TO THE DLA WHICH STATED THE ROOM WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH. DURING THE MAY 12 MEETING DLA REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN PRESSED FOR DELIVERY OF THE GENERATOR UNITS SO THEY CAN BE INSTALLED. WE TOLD DLA THAT ROOM 133A WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO ALLOW FOR SPECIFIED VENTILATION FOR UNITS, WOULD NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT. WE REMINDED THE DLA OF THE NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USG PERSONNEL AND THE DLA IN EARLY 1975 WHEN THE USG PROVIDED A DESIGN FOR THE BASEMENT GENERATOR ROOM WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE DLA. WE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THAT TIME THE EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED DRAWINGS SHOWING THE DLA'S PROPOSED GENERATOR ROOM AND AFTER FINALLY RECEIVING THE DRAWINGS IN MARCH 1975 HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD THE DLA THAT ROOM 133A WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY. THE DLA STATED THEY WOULD TRY TO REDESIGN THE AREA SO THAT IT IS SUFFICIENT IN SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH GENERATORS.

9. THE DLA AGAIN PRESSED FOR DELIVERY OF CARPETING. THEY SAID THAT IF THE CARPETING IS NOT DELIVERED BY "NEXT WEEK" THEY WILL INSTALL GDR MANUFACTURED CARPETING WHICH WILL RESULT IN INCREASED RENTAL COSTS. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO DELIVER UNRECOVERABLE ITEMS SUCH AS CARPETING AND GENERATORS TO THE DLA FOR INSTALLATION IN THE BUILDING UNTIL SOME RESOLUTION OF MAJOR OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IS MADE. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE CONCERNING
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DELIVERY OF USG PROVIDED ITEMS.

10. DLA WORKMEN ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE REMOVAL OF PLASTER AND RADIATORS FROM THE COMMUNICATION AREA. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS AT THIS TIME THAT THEY INTEND TO REMOVE OR REROUTE THE RISER PIPES.
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